

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 578

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to recognize David L. Meers on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is David L. Meers who, having served with distinction throughout his thirty-seven year tenure as an educator, will soon begin a much deserved retirement from Highland Park Elementary School, which he has admirably served as principal for the past twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meers graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Lee College, received a Master of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), and earned an Educational Specialist degree (Ed.S) from UTK with a concentration in Administration and Leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Mr. Hill began his distinguished career as a teacher in the Georgia state school system; and

WHEREAS, upon moving to Tennessee, he served as an exceptional teacher in Loudon County for seven years and later transitioned into administration, first as principal at Greenback School for two years and then as principal of Highland Park Elementary School, where he has served with great distinction for the past twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, evincing the greatest probity in all his endeavors, Mr. Meers has served with acumen and alacrity in his position as principal of Highland Park Elementary School and has led his students to achieve test scores that have consistently posted in the top fifty for elementary schools in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in his role as principal of Highland Park Elementary School, Mr. Meers has helped countless students develop their talents and academic abilities by initiating numerous activities designed to enhance their educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the list of achievements by David L. Meers is voluminous, and his hard work and dedication serve as an inspiration to his colleagues, peers, and students alike; and

WHEREAS, during his exceptional career at Highland Park Elementary School, he has focused his expertise and skills on creating numerous integral organizations and programs to benefit his school and students, including the Highland Park Educational Foundation, which he formed in 2006 for grant purposes to support programs at the school; the Highland Park Alumni Association Annual Golf Tournament; and the technology lab at Highland Park Elementary School, which he developed in 2007; and

WHEREAS, as the Principal of the school with the lowest staff turnover rate in Loudon County for the past thirteen years, Mr. Meers played a major role in securing accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (S.A.C.S.) for Highland Park Elementary; and

WHEREAS, he has also donated his singular skills to several community organizations, including the Loudon Lions Club, which he served as president; the Loudon County United Way, which he served as chairman; District 12-N, which he twice served as cabinet secretary; the Tennessee Drug and Alcohol Program's Red Ribbon Campaign, which he served as president; and the Masonic Lodge #204 and the Kerbela Shrine Temple; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Meers was the honored recipient of three International Presidential Awards from Lions Club International; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and devoted member of Loudon United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Meers is most appreciative of the love and companionship of his wife, Susan Johns Meers; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, David L. Meers has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, peers, and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we extend to David L. Meers our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, applaud his dedication to the students of Tennessee, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.